

# LITERACY STATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS



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**Define the literacy station**

**Examine the 5 common literacy stations**

**Teach students to monitor voice levels**



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# Define the literacy station



A literacy station is *not* a place.

Students work alone, with a partner, or *occasionally* in a very small group.

Students are spaced out around room.

Students may use supplies or manipulatives.

## THE PURPOSE OF A LITERACY STATION

# Literacy Stations: Classroom Library & Fluency

**1 Classroom Library:** Students read alone.

— A collection of books sorted into categories

— The act of reading independently

**2 Fluency Station:** Students read with a partner.

# Literacy Stations: Word Work, Listening, & Response

**3 Word-Work Station:** Students practice phonemic awareness, phonics, or vocabulary skills in manipulative ways.

**4 Listening Station:** Students use technology to listen to a more complex text.

**5 Reading-Response Station:** Students write about their reading.

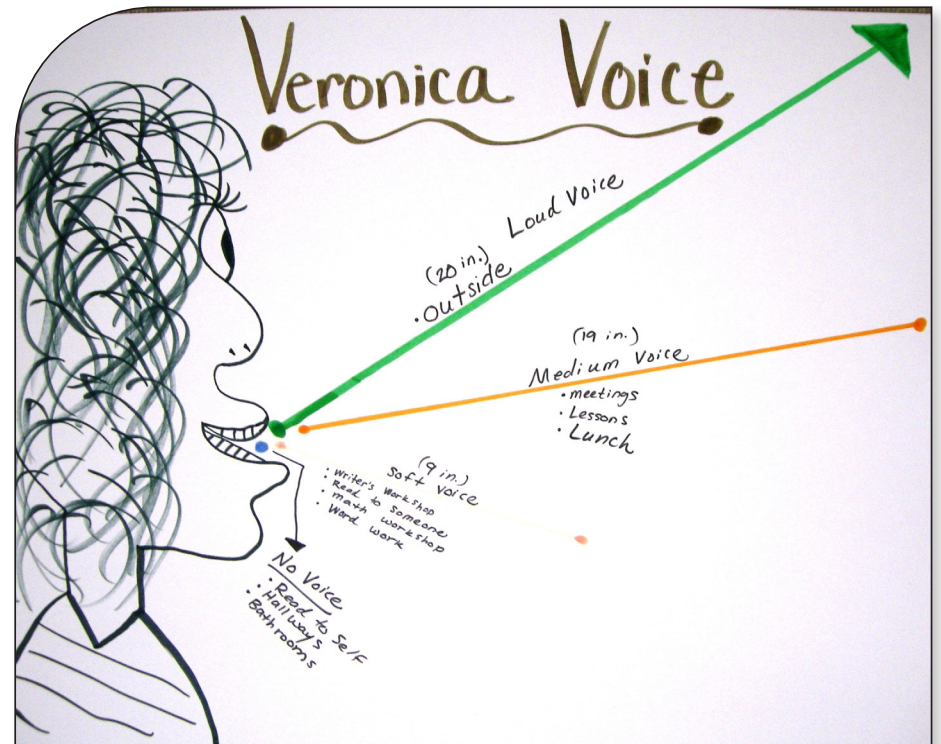
# Teach students to monitor voice levels

Conduct a mini-lesson and build an anchor chart to explain the concept.

Voice Levels			
0	1	2	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• announcement</li><li>• fire / tornado drill</li><li>• guest speaker</li><li>• hallway</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• turn + talk</li><li>• small group table</li><li>• literacy stations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cafeteria</li><li>• front of the class</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• recess</li><li>• sporting events</li></ul>

Use concrete tools when practicing.

Follow the expectations as the teacher, too.



Shared by first grade teacher Jessica Meacham

# Discussion: Turn & Talk

How has your view of literacy stations changed as a result of this training?

*What did you hear that was validating?*

*Which one of the 5 basic stations do you need to incorporate into students' independent time?*

*Did you learn something you plan to incorporate into your introduction of appropriate voice levels?*

*Do you utilize a different method for measuring the voice levels of your students? If so, share it with your colleagues.*

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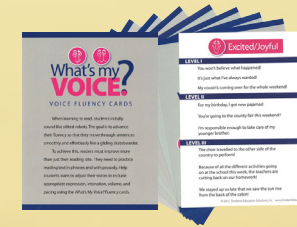
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- gradual release
- literacy station
- fluency
- word work
- listening station
- writing about reading

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